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It has been suggested, in a quasi-official manner, by

Mr. Halaby, OSD, that ORE prepare an estimate along the following lines:

Estimate of Soviet Reaction to Scandinavian Adherence to the Atlantic Pact

Assumptions:

1. Norway and Denmark adhere to the projected North Atlantic Pact and receive substantial military aid (up to their absorptive capacity), but no offensive air or naval bases are constructed in their home territories.

2. Sweden adheres to a policy of isolationist neutrality.

The Problem:

To estimate the Soviet reaction in the assumed circumstances.

While this has not reached us as a formal request, I strongly recommend the preparation of a paper along these lines. I leave it to you to determine whether this should be an ORE or an IM, but suggest that the timeliness of the subject is a factor which urges relatively prompt issuance. Perhaps an IM should be produced and, if you feel that the subject demands wider dissemination, an ORE quickie might be developed therefrom. So far as the mechanics are concerned, if you decide to produce this paper, please consider it as a request, and move it through G/SI rather than G/Cu.